

ABSTRACT

a ~~A method of preventing progression of neuropathic~~
a ~~pain is disclosed. The method includes administering~~
a 5 ~~to a subject an N-type voltage-sensitive calcium~~
a ~~channel blocking compound which is characterized by its~~
a ~~ability to (a) inhibit electrically stimulated~~
a ~~contraction of the guinea pig ileum, and (b) bind~~
a ~~selectively to omega conopeptide MVIIA binding sites~~
a 10 ~~present in neuronal tissue. Also disclosed are~~
 formulations effective to stabilize omega conotoxin
 peptide preparations at elevated temperatures. Novel
 omega conopeptides also form part of the invention.